

WYOMING BANNER SHEEP STATE OF UNION

Wyoming's Record During the Year 1907.

Population (estimated)	125,000.00
Bank deposits, private, state and national banks	15,000,000.00
Deposits, per capita	120.00
Increase over 1906	149,919.24
Receipts, rental state lands	95,000.00
Area of state, square miles	97,800.00
Area that can be irrigated, acres	48,000,000.00
Area subject to entry under U. S. laws, acres	20,000.00
Lands reclaimed, acres	1,723.00
Permits for new ditches	35,000,000.00
Total cost of irrigation works, completed and under way	25,000,000.00
Value of farm and grazing lands	25,000,000.00
Value of all property, as returned for assessment	94,413,177.38
Increase over 1906	3,195,575.11
State's bonded debt	180,000.00
Decrease from 1906	20,000.00

What Wyoming Produced in 1907.

Coal, 4,550,000 (estimated) tons	17,000,000.00
Iron, 500,000 tons	200,000.00
Gold	100,000.00
Copper	100,000.00
Building stone, onyx, etc.	25,000.00
Silver	18,375,000.00
Total mineral production	18,375,000.00

Livestock Exported.

Sheep	1,368,760
Cattle	248,000
Horses	15,000
Swine	5,000
Total value of livestock exported	16,941,875.00
Value of wool exported	7,811,172.55
Value of agricultural products, exported and consumed at home	13,660,000.00
Value of manufactures	500,000.00
Value of oil production	500,000.00
Total value of Wyoming products in 1907	61,928,538.00

BY GEORGE S. WALKER.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 26.—The story printed in these columns a year ago today, and telling of the progress made in Wyoming during the year 1906, could well apply to the advancement in all lines of business in this state during the year 1907, only greater strides were made in some directions than were recorded in 1906. At the close of last year it was thought that Wyoming had made a record growth and development in twelve months, but the accompanying statement of exports of livestock, wool, hay and agricultural products, irrigation development, production of the mines, etc., shows that last year's record has been eclipsed. This increase is slight in some instances, but large in others, the whole showing that Wyoming is at last coming into her own, and can now take her place among the steeplehead of great and wealthy states. Small in population, but great in area and rich in natural resources, is a statement often applied to this young state, and to it this year may be added the wonderful development of the same, and the prediction for even a greater growth in the future.

Coal Forced to Second Place.

For many years Wyoming's coal mining business was its greatest industry, but in spite of the rapid growth of coal mining until now we have an annual production of over six and one-half million tons, coal mining is second to livestock growing. Indeed the raisers of cattle, sheep, horses, mules and dogs produce almost as much again in dollars and cents as the coal mines of the state, and many writers have predicted that even livestock raising in this state is in its infancy, that the ranges have only been scratched over, and that with the settlement of the valleys by farmers the production of livestock will show still greater increase.

Sheep Step Ahead of Cattle.

Livestock growing is Wyoming's greatest industry, and of this particular business, that of raising sheep and the growing of wool ranks first. The year 1906 witnessed the passing of the sheep business from first to second place, and during the year just closed the sheep business not only maintained the lead, but increased the same over the cattle business. This has been brought about by the changes made in the greater profits in the sheep business and the withdrawal of many stockmen from the cattle business and their engaging in the sheep and wool business. Satisfactory progress has been made, however, in the cattle business, for during the past year, while probably not quite so many cattle were marketed, better prices were obtained on the average than during the year 1906, and the prospects for the future are very encouraging to the cattlemen.

Banner Sheep State of the Union.

While the sheep business leads all other industries in Wyoming, it also leads the balance of the United States, and for the first time in the history of the business Wyoming is now the banner sheep state of the union, having passed Montana, which has been at the head for many years, during the past twelve months. Starting with one buck and a few ewes in the early eighties, Wyoming has rapidly increased her sheep holdings until now there are being grazed in this state approximately 5,000,000 sheep. Range conditions are ideal, scab has been eradicated, the sheep are in splendid condition, and with hundreds of thousands of tons of hay in the stack for feeding during stormy weather, the indications are that Wyoming will increase her lead over her rival, Montana, during the next twelve months.

Number and Valuation of Sheep.

County	No. of Sheep	Valuation
Albany	120,043	\$ 540,193
Big Horn	296,602	1,234,769
Carbon	404,402	1,617,611
Converse	195,968	782,059
Crook	372,258	1,491,258
Fremont	333,139	1,336,083
Laramie	157,714	630,875
Natrona	122,142	495,629
Sheridan	457,826	1,831,112
Sweetwater	515,385	2,071,883
Union	251,755	1,012,598
Weston	432,278	1,730,301
Totals	4,024,560	16,104,380

Sheep and Bucks Imported to Wyoming During 1907.

County	No. of Sheep	Valuation
Albany	6,881	27,521
Big Horn	8,308	33,232
Carbon	17,638	70,552
Converse	53,036	208,154
Crook	2,765	11,061
Fremont	1,453	5,812
Laramie	70,000	280,000
Natrona	12,478	49,912
Sheridan	2,825	11,300
Sweetwater	6,995	27,981
Union	9,061	36,244
Weston	27,291	109,158
Totals	151,518	602,899

Imports during 1907.

1905	211,810	\$ 822,818
1906	206,387	\$ 822,818
1907	142,225	\$ 576,242

Monthly Exports of Sheep and Lambs From Wyoming During 1907.

Month	Number	Valuation
Oct. 15 to 31, 1906	299,771	\$1,509,498.25
Nov., 1906	235,116	1,390,231.20
Dec., 1906	9,352	44,126.75
Jan., 1907	2,672	10,689.19
Feb., 1907	5,679	28,978.49
March, 1907	16,103	76,489.25
April, 1907	15,239	72,385.55
May, 1907	8,462	40,194.29
June, 1907	6,706	33,253.10
July, 1907	15,540	80,215.63
August, 1907	114,636	544,473.50
Sept., 1907	308,186	1,422,883.50
Oct. 1 to 15, 1907	270,242	1,262,649.00
Totals	1,368,760	\$6,491,875.00
Exported during 1906	1,444,399	\$6,128,695.75
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Exports of Sheep, Lambs and Wool During the Year 1907, as Compared With 1906.

Item	1906	1907
Sheep and Lambs	1,444,399	1,368,760
Wool	1,368,760	1,368,760
Wool Exported	1,368,760	1,368,760

Mint of Money in Cattle.

There are at the present time approximately 800,000 cattle in the state, valued at \$20,000,000. During 1907 the shipments of cattle from this state were valued at approximately \$8,000,000. Something like 15,000 horses were shipped from the state during the year, returning approximately \$1,500,000 to the growers.

Increase of Coal Mining.

What was at first believed to be a severe blow to the coal mining business of the state may prove a blessing. The withdrawal of coal lands from entry and the declaration of the Union Pacific Coal company that it would cease mining commercial coal on Jan. 1, 1908, led many to believe that the production of coal would show a considerable falling off for a few years, but the changes made in the greater profits in the sheep business and the withdrawal of many stockmen from the cattle business and their engaging in the sheep and wool business. Satisfactory progress has been made, however, in the cattle business, for during the past year, while probably not quite so many cattle were marketed, better prices were obtained on the average than during the year 1906, and the prospects for the future are very encouraging to the cattlemen.

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A CROP OF DRY FARM OATS Near Cheyenne Wyo.

tion lines, and as there is a constantly increasing demand for the Wyoming product, it is only fair to assume that Wyoming's output of coal will continue to increase during the next few years at least, as it has in the past.

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campment district continued their operations during the year, and the smelter of the Penn-Wyoming Copper company at Grand Encampment made regular shipments of bar copper to the refineries. The output of copper is valued at about \$400,000.

Irrigation received a great impetus during the year, many thousands of acres of new land were brought under ditches and cultivation, and many miles of additional canals were built.

The state engineer is authority for the statement that during the past two years work has been started, and in many instances the enterprises have been completed, calling for a total expenditure of more than \$35,000,000. During this period permits have been granted for 1,777,218 acres. These permits provide for canals having a total length of 3,579 miles, the cost of which will approximate \$9,489,324, which, when all reclamation expenses are included, will approach \$27,000,000. The total cost of reservoirs started, completed or planned during the same period is over \$4,000,000, which means an expenditure of \$9,000,000, or a total

Probably one of the best irrigation enterprises in the state, being constructed by private capital, is that of the La Prele Ditch & Reservoir company of Converse county. The concern takes a canal from La Prele creek and will reclaim 30,000 acres of fertile land near Douglas. The company is constructing a dam costing \$200,000, and the entire project will cost nearly half a million dollars. A large acreage has already been sold, and a portion will be reclaimed the coming season.

Among the established enterprises is that of the Westland Development company at Wheatland, in the northern part of Laramie county. Here land is selling at from \$40 to \$75 per acre, large crops are produced, and there is a never-failing water supply.

During the past year marked progress was made in developing several oil fields in Wyoming. In the Salt Creek fields, northwest of Casper, in Natrona county, new wells were brought in, and the refinery at Casper was worked overtime. In the Popo Agie fields, near Lander, several additional wells were brought in. In the Douglas fields, in Converse county, operations were continued, and in the Uinta county fields several producing wells were added to the list. In Big Horn county oil and gas were struck in several places near Garland, and in Crook county additional wells were brought in. Like coal, oil is found in almost every county in the state, and some day the oil industry will be one of the state's chief wealth producers.

Important Railroad Building.

The railroads are doing their share toward bringing prosperity and increased population to the state. During the year there was a total of 163 miles of new road constructed in the state. This mileage was divided between the Union Pacific branch lines and double tracking, spurs to coal mines, etc. During the coming year the Laramie, Hahn's Peak & Pacific will be extended into Colorado, the Cheyenne & Encampment, built during the year from Walcott, on the Union Pacific, to Saratoga, will be extended to Grand Encampment and possibly into Colorado. The Burlington will extend its Worland-Kirby-Thermopolis line into the interior of the state, and will build another line northwesterly into Montana from the Taluca-Cody branch. The Wyoming Short Line company will build from Greybull to the eastern edge of the Yellowstone Park, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul is to extend from South Dakota to Buffalo, Wyo., and the Colorado & Southern contemplates an extension of its Cheyenne-Orin Junction line.

The bonded indebtedness of Wyoming is \$180,000, and this is being paid off at the rate of \$20,000 per year. The annual income of the state government is about \$700,000, as follows:

General tax	\$ 297,740.24
Sale of lands donated by Congress	14,618.51
Interest on land funds	10,718.89
Lease of lands donated by Congress	12,681.63
State game licenses	16,302.75
Forest reserves	16,000.00
Sheep inspection and indemnity fund	12,543.02
Inheritance tax	1,880.81
Escheated estates	1,655.86
Interest on deposits (state moneys)	2,912.41
From all other sources	20,264.57
Tax on coal output	500,000.00
Valuation of all property for assessment	\$4,415,177.98
Increase over 1906	\$ 3,385,975.11
Bank deposits, September call	\$15,000,000.00
Increase over 1906	500,000.00
Per capita deposits	120.00
Increase over 1906	12.00

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